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'Obsolete, Misguided': Critics Call Out Pfizer's Bivalent Booster for Kids Under 5

Moon and Bartlett said Monday they are seeking Emergency Use Authorization for an updated COVID-19 booster vaccine for children ages 6 months to 5 years old.

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Editor's Note: *On Friday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention expanded COVID-19 booster recommendations to cover the siblings and children ages 5 months to 5 years old.*

Moon and Bartlett are also seeking Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for an updated COVID-19 bivalent "booster" vaccine for children ages 6 months to 4 years old.

Pfizer on Monday said if the bivalent booster receives EUA, children in this age group will receive a booster dose of 3 micrograms, or 1/10th the adult dose of the "updated" vaccine targeting Omicron subvariants BA.4 and BA.5.

Previously, children under age 5 could receive three doses of the original COVID-19 vaccine. However, since the shots received EUA in June, only 3% of children under 2 and about 9% of 2- to 4-year-olds have received their primary doses, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Booster boosters are 'obsolete,' some with 'very concerning side effects'

Dr. Peter Marks and Moon and Bartlett have said that the "updated" Pfizer and BioNTech's best to receive EUA for the booster booster for young children.

Here's how The Defender:

"There was no prior anything to recommend the bivalent boosters before the vaccine was given to children," Kim told The Defender.

"It is unconscionable, given what we know about the poor performance of the original COVID-19 vaccine, that the FDA is considering EUA for the Pfizer-Food and Drug Administration and CDC were along with the original COVID-19 without a single human trial — and now the manufacturers want to give these same vaccines to children as young as 6 months of age."

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Pierre, a pediatrician, said planning to administer boosters to young COVID-19 vaccine children but children are receiving a vaccine "for a virus that is no longer circulating."

Pierre told The Defender:

*"There was never anything to recommend the bivalent boosters before they were given to the children. Moderna's vaccine."